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Council/PH Committee PublicHealth
Agenda Item Bill 70 related to smoking in cars
Your position on the matter Support
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

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I write in strong SUPPORT of Bill 70, to protect the health of children.

Safety belts, child booster seats have saved lives. Providing a smoke-free and vape-free environment in cars, where children may sit for hours in a day, will protect the health of youngsters unable to change the behavior of the adults who drive or accompany them in their car.

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Most cars are less than 200 cubic feet in volume (compared to a bedroom, average 800 square feet) and usually on "recirculate" to save gas when cooling the inside air. Furthermore, synthetic materials used in car upholstery avidly absorb toxins and nicotine, which are re-released or "outgased" from the upholstery even when people are no longer smoking in the car ("third-hand smoke or vape")

Toxins, including nicotine, are thus concentrated and recirculated within the car. Children will readily absorb many of these particulates and compounds during periods when their brains and lungs (and other tissues) are forming most rapidly.

Other counties in Hawaii and nation-wide have passed smoke-free car laws, with little fuss or fury.

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